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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within three months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Document A1 discloses designating a position and ornamentation of a specific character string and adding these to a printed matter.

Document A2 discloses that colors of character data are calculated, and the character data is replaced with the colors and printed onto a recording sheet.

Document A3 discloses that when a communication report is output, an ink of a specific color is selected and printed out according to items such as the amount of ink remaining, the presence or absence of an error, a source of calling and a target of calling.

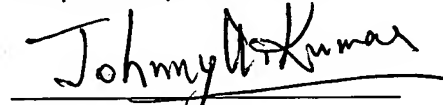
English translations of documents A1-A3 are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). English language abstracts are provided for documents A1-A3.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	A1	9-305576	11-28-1997	Japan			Abstract
	A2	8-147123	6-7-1996	Japan			Abstract
	A3	9-193511	7-29-1997	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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